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Leila Young
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RE: Public Records Request – law enforcement trip to Israel

Dear Ms. Young:

I am in receipt of your October 2, 2018 Public Records Requests directed to the Rhode Island State Police and the Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs seeking copies of emails between the respective agencies and fitting certain other specific criteria. Your request is governed by the Access to Public Records Act contained in R.I.G.L. Chapter 38-2. In response to a request for public records, an agency is required to make available for public disclosure those records that are responsive to a request, are in the possession of the agency and are not otherwise exempted from disclosure.

This serves to advise that the Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs has no records responsive to your inquiry.

As to your request directed to the Rhode Island State Police, note that an initial search has revealed 39 potential emails responsive to your inquiry. Should you wish for our office to continue to process your request, note that prepayment is required. In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-4, there is a search/retrieval fee of \$15.00 per hour (with the first hour free) and we estimate the time expended to be 3.25 hours to compile and prepare said reports, along with the per page/CD fee which can not yet be determined and is not included in this estimate. At this time, we hereby request prepayment in the sum of \$33.75 to proceed with this matter. Should actual cost exceed the estimated pre-payment amount, we will contact you at that time to advise before proceeding. Likewise, should your pre-payment exceed actual search, retrieval, and copying, you will, of course, be reimbursed.

Please be advised that payment does not guarantee that all the records you have requested constitute public records (in whole or in part, i.e., redacted), but only authorizes this Department to conduct its search and retrieval to determine what responsive record exist. Additionally, as previously indicated, notwithstanding the extension, the time period for this Department to respond to your request is tolled as of the date of this letter pending pre-payment and authorization to continue.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to proceed with this matter.

Sincerely,


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